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ABSTRACT

Nine California community colleges were surveyed in 1979-1980 to determine the ratios of certified disability counselors to students with hearing, speech, visual, or mobility impairments; students with learning disabilities (average or limited); students with other health problems; and students in convalescent and nursing homes. Survey findings indicate that the number of disabled students at the colleges ranged from 166 to 3,024 with the average number of disabled students being 883.2, and that the number of counselors at these schools who specialize in serving disabled students ranged from one full-time equivalent (FTE) counselor to 20 FTE counselors, with the average being 5.2 FTE counselors. The student/counselor ratios ranged from 90.9:1 to 915:1, with the average being 169.1:1. The average numbers of students per counselor for each category were estimated at: (1) 95.1 for the visually impaired; (2) 42.9 for the speech impaired; (3) 74.3 for the visually impaired; (4) 361.4 for the mobility impaired; (5) 234.2 for students with learning disabilities/average; (6) 194.1 for students with learning disabilities/limited; and (7) 240.8 for those with other problems. Only two of the colleges served students in convalescent or nursing homes. Included in the report are the potential weekly contact hours per student for each of the disability categories. (JP)

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A survey request was made to determine the counselor/student relationship for the following categories of disabled students:

1. Hearing Impaired
2. Speech Impaired
3. Visual Impaired
4. Mobility & Orthopedic Impaired
5. Learning Disability/Average
6. Learning Disability/Limited
7. Other Health
8. Students in Convalescent/Nursing Homes

Nine California community colleges were chosen based upon student population size, schools with multicampus sites and urban locations similar to San Diego Community College District.

The data gathered was based on 79-80 figures and in many instances approximations were given. The total number of disability counselors is indicated in full-time equivalency. Many sites also utilize the aid of therapists, teachers and regular college counselors to service the counseling needs of disabled students, however, only the certified disability counseling staff was counted in the survey.

- R A T I O S -

1. The overall total disabled student count range from 166 to 3,024 with an average of 883.2

2. The $\bar{X}$ number of students per counselor range from 90.9 to 915 students per counselor with an average of 169.1 students to 1 counselor.

3. Hearing Impaired: the average ratio of students per counselor is 95.1 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 8 minutes per student to 2-3/4 hours per student.

4. Speech Impaired: the average ratio of students per counselor is 42.9 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 13 minutes per student to 1 hour 38 minutes per student.

5. Visual Impaired: the average ratio of students per counselor is 74.3 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 7 minutes per student to 2 hours per student.

6. Mobility & Orthopedic Impaired: the average ratio of students per counselor is 361.4 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 1 minute per student to 19 minutes per student.

7. Learning Disability/Average: the average ratio of students per counselor is 234.2 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 1 minute per student to 41 minutes per student.

8. Learning Disability/Limited: the average ratio of students per counselor is 194.8 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 1 minute per student to 5 hours per student.

9. Other Health: the average ratio of students per counselor is 240.8 to 1.

   The potential weekly contact time per student ranges from 2 minutes per student to 24 minutes per student.

10. It should be noted that only 2 sites service students in convalescent or nursing homes.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT --- CONTACT NAME	TOTAL # OF DISABLED STUDENTS I.E., BODY COUNT, NOT A.D.A.	TOTAL # OF COUNSELORS WHO SPECIALIZE IN COUNSELING DISABLED STUDENTS	DISABLED STUDENT CATEGORIES & THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSELOR CATEGORIES:			
			HEARING IMPAIRED		SPEECH IMPAIRED	
			TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS, FTE	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS, FTE
CHAFFEY Robert M. Harris	940	3 in FTE	12	.83	-0-	-0-
GLENDALE Allan Grimsby	238	1.5 in FTE	7	.214	15	.214
LOS ANGELES Victoria Schmoeller	3,024	20 in FTE	407	4.0	73	3.0
PASADENA Irvin G. Lewis	681	5 in FTE	95	1.0	95	1.0
PERALTA Delores R. Benton	956	8 in FTE	48	1.14	48	1.14
RIVERSIDE William May	529	2 in FTE	146	.5	-0-	-0-
SAN JOSE Paul Beddow	500	5.5 in FTE	40	.5	60	2.0
SAN LUIS OBISPO Lynn Frady	166	1 in FTE	4	.125	10	.125
VENTURA Willaim Lawson	915	1 in FTE	45	.143	26	.143

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	DISABLED STUDENT CATEORIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSELOR CATEGORIES:					
	VISUAL IMPARIED		MOBILITY AND ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRED		LEARNING DISABILITY, AVERAGE	
	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS FTE	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS FTE	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS FTE
CHAFFEY	20	.83	108	.83	300	.25
GLENDALE	14	.214	102	.214	24	.214
LOS ANGELES	257	3.0	1,246	3.0	268	2.0
PASADENA	34	1.0	88	.5	166	.5
PERALTA	131	1.14	209	1.14	97	1.14
RIVERSIDE	30	.5	298	.5	-0-	-0-
SAN JOSE	10	.5	340	1.0	44	.75
SAN LUIS OBISPO	6	.125	61	.125	50	.125
VENTURA	52	.143	241	.143	280	.143

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	DISABLED STUDENT CATEGORIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSELOR CATEGORIES:				TOTAL DISABLED STUDENTS IN CONVALESCENT/ NURSING HOMES, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS, FTE
	LEARNING DISABILITY, LIMITED		OTHER HEALTH			
	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS, FTE	TOTAL STUDENTS, BODIES	TOTAL COUNSELORS, FTE		
CHAFFEY	500	0.25	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GLENDALE	36	0.214	-0-	-0-	40	.214
LOS ANGELES	31	2.0	742	3	-0-	-0-
PASADENA	153	0.5	50	.5	-0-	-0-
PERALTA	200	1.14	223	1.14	-0-	-0-
RIVERSIDE	-0-	-0-	55	.5	-0-	-0-
SAN JOSE	6	0.75	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SAN LUIS OBISPO	15	0.125	18	.125	2	.125
VENTURA	57	0.143	214	.143	-0-	-0-

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